

**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**August 23, 2007**  
**2:00 P.M.**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met at the above place and date. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 P.M. The following committee members answered roll call:

Susan Leech	Arne Schonberg
Rene Jamis	Willie Padilla
John Eger	Fred Gromand
William Bennett	Detective Randy Rodriguez
James W. Peterson	Jim Fraser
Sergio Reyes	

The following visitors were present:

Manny Razo	Henry Drake
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The following members were not present:

Martin Wagner	Rebecca Baca
Kay Duff	

**AGENDA**

- I. WELCOME / ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 24, 2007, and July 26, 2007
- III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION
  - A. Audible Traffic Control Devices
  - B. Nominations for National Disability Employment Awareness Month
  - C. Subcommittee reports for Goals and Objectives
    - a. Supportive Employment
    - b. Taxi Ordinance
    - c. Sensitivity Training
    - d. Transition Plan for the City
    - e. Barrier Free Construction
  - D. Formal complaints regarding ADA/Accessibility Compliance
  - E. Plan Reviews
  - F. Next Meeting Agenda, Date and Location (9-27-2007)
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- V. ADJOURNMENT

Item 1. Welcome/Roll Call.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

Item 2 Approval of Minutes of May 24, 2007, and July 26, 2007.

Minutes for the last two meeting are not ready. They will be presented next meeting.

Item 3. Discussion and Action

- A. Audible Traffic Control Devices

Comments were made by William Bennett.

No Action was taken on this item.

B. Nominations for National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Comments were made by William Bennett, Susan Leech, John Eger, Arne Schonberger, Fred Gromand.

A motion was made by Arne Schonberger, seconded by Fred Gromand, and unanimously approved to reduce the number of persons to receive an award.

Ayes: Susan Leech, Arne Schonberg, Rene Jamis, Willie Padilla, John Eger, Fred Gromand

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Further comments were made by Arne Schonberger, Susan Leech, and Rene Jamis.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting for five minutes to prepare a ballot by Arne Schonberger, seconded by Rene Jamis, and unanimously approved.

Ayes: Susan Leech, Arne Schonberg, Rene Jamis, Willie Padilla, John Eger, Fred Gromand

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Comments were made by Susan Leech and Elaine Hengen. The ballots were handed out, votes cast, and the ballots were turned in. The results will be announced next meeting.

C. Subcommittee reports for Goals and Objectives

a. Supportive Employment

No report was given.

b. Taxi Ordinance

Comments were made by William Bennett, Arne Schonberger, Susan Leech.

No action was taken on this item.

c. Sensitivity Training

No report was given.

d. Transition Plan for the City

Comments were made by William Bennett, Susan Leech, Arne Schonberger, Sergio Reyes, and Elaine Hengen.

No action was taken on this item.

e. Barrier Free Construction.

No report was given.

D. Formal complaints regarding ADA/Accessibility Compliance

Comments were made by William Bennett, Arne Schonberger, Susan Leech.

The specific deficiencies found at the History Museum are as follows:

1. The exterior decorative metal and brick structure protrudes over four inches into the accessible route and is over 27 inches in height. A permanent structure needs to be installed so that a person with a visual disability can detect the obstruction with a cane. TAS 4.4 Protruding Objects
2. There is not a designated accessible parking space in the parking area. TAS 4.6. Parking

3. There is not an accessible route from the parking area to the entrance of the building. TAS 4.3 & TAS 4.6 Accessible route and Parking
4. Exhibit Dialogs protrude over four inches into the accessible route. TAS 45.4
5. The train has elements that protruding over four inches into the accessible route between 27 and 80 inches. TAS 4.4 Protruding objects
6. Water closet in first floor men's restroom is over 19 inches high at the seat (20 inches). TAS 4.16 Water closets
7. The urinal in the first floor men's room is over 17 inches from the floor (19".) TAS 4.18 Urinals
8. Visual alarms are located over 80 inches in height in all the exhibit rooms. TAS 4.28 Alarms
9. Visual and audible alarms are missing in the operations area and stairwells. TAS 4.28 Alarms
10. The receptionist desk does not have a portion of the counter 36 inches in length with a maximum height of 36 inches. TAS 7.1. Business and Mercantile
11. Some of the exhibits are not able to be viewed by individuals in wheel chairs because they are too high (ie. Ice age, Grassland, and Chihuahuan Exhibit. TAS 2.1 Reach Ranges ADA Subpart D Section 35.149 Program Accessibility
12. Alternate communication methods should be provided for the exhibit descriptions/stories. Braille or taped messages are an example. ADA Subpart E 35.160 Communication.

The progress of the repairs being done will be reported on.

E. Plan Reviews

Comments were made by William Bennett, Arne Schonberger, and Sergio Reyes  
No action was taken on this item.

F. Next Meeting Agenda, Date and Location (9-27-2007)

The next meeting will be on September 27, 2007.

Comments were made by Susan Leech about the November Meeting. A motion was made by Willie Padilla, seconded by John Eger, and unanimously approved to have the November meeting on November 15, 2007

Ayes: Susan Leech, Arne Schonberg, Rene Jamis, Willie Padilla, John Eger, Fred Gromand

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Comments were made by Susan Leech about the December Meeting. A motion was made by John Eger, seconded by Willie Padilla, and unanimously approved to have the December meeting on December 20, 2007.

Ayes: Susan Leech, Arne Schonberg, Rene Jamis, Willie Padilla, John Eger, Fred Gromand

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Item 4. Announcements

Announcements were made by William Bennett and Susan Leech.

Item 5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Rene Jamis, seconded by John Eger, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Ayes: Susan Leech, Arne Schonberg, Rene Jamis, Willie Padilla, John Eger, Fred Gromand

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Approved as to Form:

William Bennett